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Bulk Drug Production
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) the present position of India in the field of bulk drug production and exports;
(b) whether the objectives of declaration of 2015 as "Bulk Drugs Year" has been achieved and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the time by which the target of 100% domestic bulk drugs production is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): The data relating to bulk drug production in the country is at present not available with the Department. However, as per the Boston Consultancy Group Report, the production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in 2013 was about Rupees 65,000 Crores. In certain cases, the country is dependent on imports bulk drugs for producing certain essential medicines. However, in certain cases, these imports are taking place because of economic considerations. As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Bulk Drug and Drug Intermediates worth Rupees 21,792 Crores were exported during 2014-15.

(b): Based on the consultations with the bulk drug industry, the Government has already taken steps like clearing bottlenecks for environment clearance in bulk drug projects.

(c): As the demand/ requirement of any product changes from time to time, no time limit can be indicated.

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